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Date: October 11, 2016 GBCG Correspondence: 2016-10

To: Chair, Great Basin Operations Committee

From: Chair, Great Basin Coordinating Group

Subject: Recruitment for Incident Commanders and Incident Commander Trainees for

Great Basin Geographic Area Incident Management Teams

Reply Due – October 21, 2016

The Great Basin Coordinating Group is soliciting nominations for Incident Commanders (IC), Deputy IC's, and trainees to lead Great Basin Type 1 and 2 Incident Management Teams for 2017. The intent of this announcement is to recruit applicants for these positions.

Number of Positions:

- Two Type 2 Incident Commanders for a three year term;
- Deputy Incident Commanders for a one year term;
- Type 1 & 2 Trainee Incident Commanders for a one year term

If you are interested in a Deputy position, please apply to the appropriate level (Type 1 or 2). Type 1 IMT's will have Deputies and the Type 2 IMT's may also, however, the determinations will be made by the Great Basin Coordinating Group based on number of applicants, trainees, and other pertinent considerations.

Duties: Individuals will be expected to perform with a high level of functional and managerial expertise as a Type 1 or 2 IC, Deputy IC and/or IC Trainee. Individuals will lead and manage an interagency incident management team on complex incidents. Professional interaction between team members and with cooperators and stakeholders is an absolute necessity when performing in an emergency and often critical incident situation. Strong leadership capability is key, with a particular skill at demonstrating ability to build a strong team, create solid cohesion and use an inclusive approach in leading and mentoring.

Qualifications: All applicants MUST meet qualifications using the current National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) Wildland Fire Qualifications Guide 310-1 (October 2016).

Certification of applicant qualification by a Certifying Officer must be submitted (Attachment Form 1). The applicant <u>must address the Knowledge, Skills & Abilities</u> in order to demonstrate necessary leadership and communication skills required for this important leadership assignment. The KSA responses do not need to be lengthy, but concise and informative descriptions of capabilities.

Duration: The selected candidates will fill the IC position for 3 years. Deputy IC's and Trainees for 1 year. Individual incident assignments can be as long as 30 days, but are normally 14 days. The Type 2 teams are normally put on 2-hour call for a three week period with a two week off call period in between. Type 1 Teams follow a one week National and Rocky/Great Basin team rotation. For additional information refer to <u>Great Basin Incident Management Team Operating Plan located at: http://gacc.nifc.gov/gbcc/overhead.php.</u>

How to apply:

Applicant must apply using the **Incident Command Application System (ICAP)** as well as:

Each applicant must provide the following:

- 1. Experience and training records for the position, including at least the last five years.
- 2. Completed attached Form 1, 2017 GREAT BASIN INCIDENT COMMANDER NOMINATION FORM. Certifying official must certify that qualifications are correct.
- 3. Response to KSA's for the 2017 Great Basin IC application
- 4. Copy of your latest IQCS/IQS Report.

All applicants should submit applications to: Beth Lund at elund@fs.fed.us

Methods of evaluation and selection: The Great Basin Operations Committee is responsible for reviewing the applications for completeness, and applying ranking criteria to determine the best-qualified candidates. Selections will be made by the Great Basin Coordinating Group. Selections will be made solely on the basis of merit, fitness, and qualifications. All applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, age, sex, marital status, religion, national origin, political affiliation, handicap, or other non-merit factors. The Great Basin Coordinating Group Chair is responsible for notification of selection and non-selections.

Questions may be directed to the Chairperson of the Great Basin Operations Committee--Beth Lund at (801) 625-5513.

/s/ Paul Petersen

Great Basin Coordinating Group Chair (Acting)

Attachments:

Great Basin Incident Commander Nomination Form Incident Commander Knowledge, Skills and Abilities (KSA's)